

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Claude Dale Bowers on the occasion of his retirement as principal of Oakhaven High School in Memphis.

WHEREAS, after a distinguished thirty-three year career of service with the Memphis City School System, Claude Dale Bowers has announced his retirement as Principal of Oakhaven High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowers was born January 11, 1938, the son of the late Leonard C. and Opal Rafferty Bowers, in Hornbuckle, Tennessee. His father was a teacher, principal and pastor; and

WHEREAS, he attended Hornbuckle Elementary School, Millington Junior High School and Frayser High School, receiving high praise from his teachers for his intelligence and friendly disposition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowers received his Bachelor of Science degree from Memphis State University, performed master's work at Sienna College and Northern Arizona University, received his Master's in Education from Memphis State University and has earned 45 hours above a Master's in Administration; and

WHEREAS, his first teaching assignment was as a teacher/coach at Lucy Elementary School in Memphis from 1962-1964; and

WHEREAS, he next taught biology, coached basketball and was the assistant football coach at Oakhaven from July 1, 1964 to February 3, 1969 and spent 1969-1970 as an Administrative Intern at the school; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowers then served admirably as Assistant Principal at Sherwood Junior High School from 1971-1973 and as Principal of that school from 1974-1978; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Principal of Oakhaven High School since 1979, and has done an exemplary job, instilling in his students a strong desire to learn and succeed and giving each of them the tools to be successful; and

WHEREAS, many of the leaders of the Memphis community graduated from Oakhaven when he was principal; and

WHEREAS, he has been happily married to Faye Jamison Bowers since December 27, 1958, and he is the proud father of two successful sons, Greg, who is the Pastor of First Baptist Church in Portland, Tennessee, and Brad, who is a sales analyst with Federal Express in Memphis, and loving grandfather of Jordan and Katie Bowers; and;

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize the tremendous contribution made by Claude Dale Bowers to the educational process; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Claude Dale Bowers on his retirement and wish him well.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.